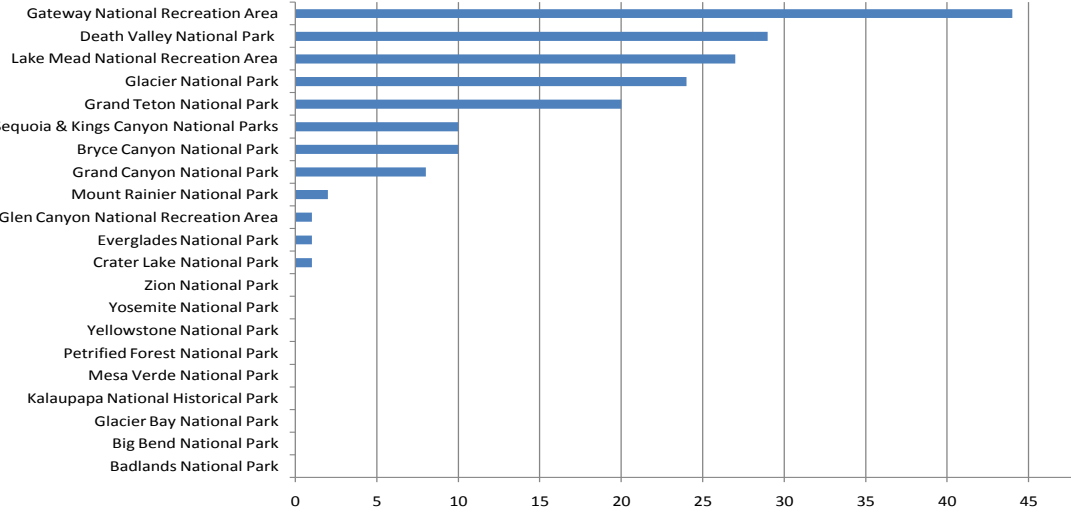
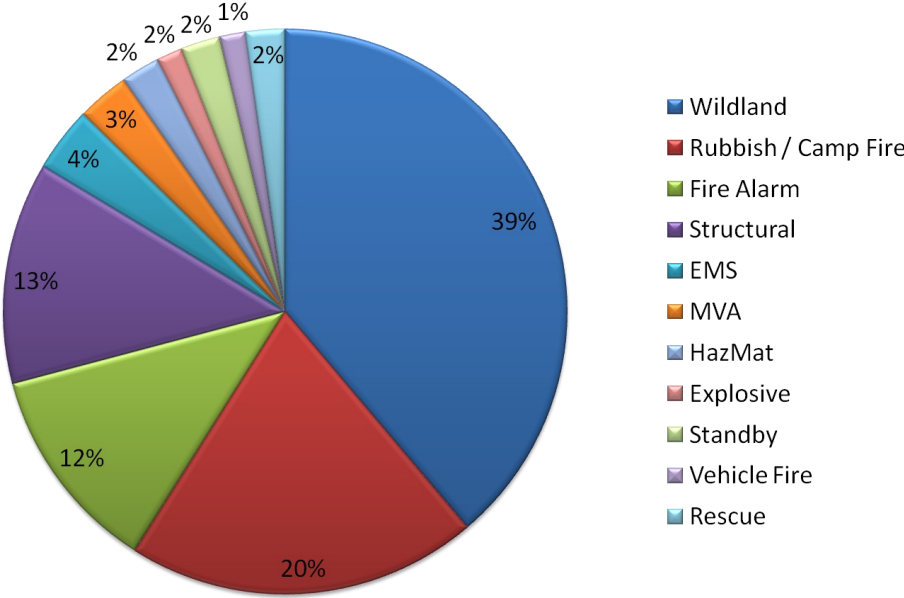


# 2010 NPS Engine Company Response Comparison Data

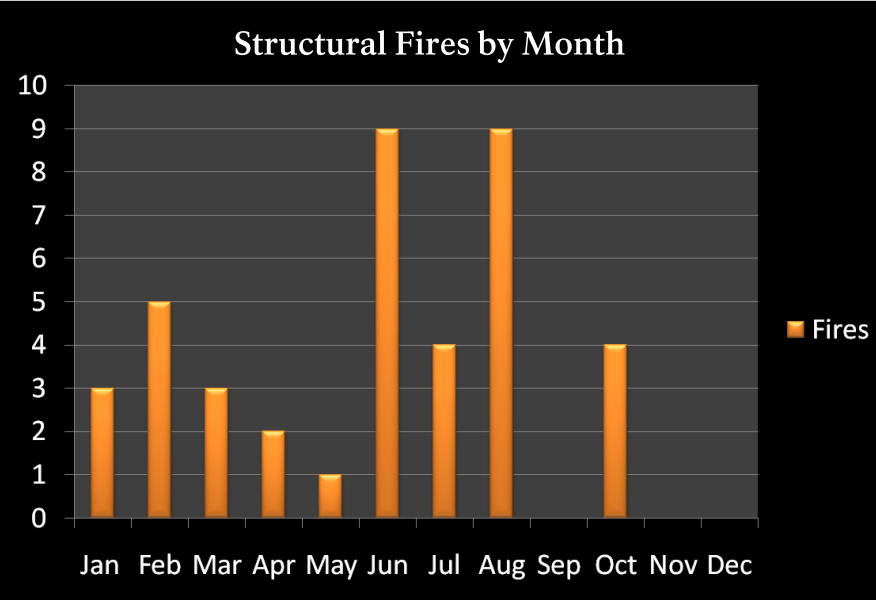
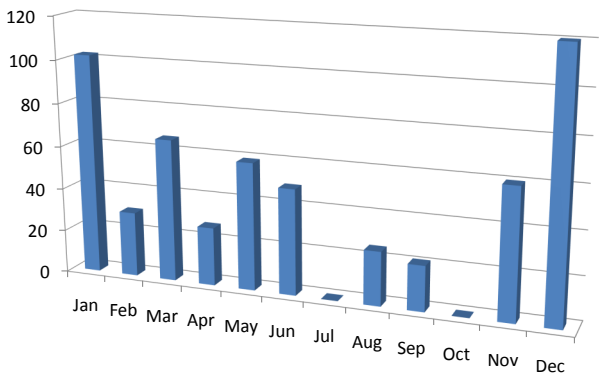
Source: NPS Fire Database



## Total 85 Responses (44 Structural/41 Wildland)



## 2010 Training Hours (559 hours)



# Gateway National Recreation Area New Jersey/New York City

## 2010 Annual Fire & Rescue Operations Report



### About Fire Management:

Fire: It is the enemy of our cultural resources. Since the inception of Gateway, several important structures have been lost to fire, beyond saving by fire suppression crews, today these spots are marked by plaques and wayside signs. Since the first fire-fighters were assigned here by the US Army in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, and since 1974 by the NPS, fire suppression and prevention has played a major part in the operation of our parks. Each day our firefighters and inspectors are checking buildings for hazards, responding to emergencies and making the Park safer for visitors and employees alike. In 2010, the Gateway Fire Management Division responded to nearly two hundred calls for assistance including nearly ninety building and tent inspections to both the park and the US Coast Guard. Most recently a \$5000 grant from the National parks Foundation was received for the purchase of ice and cold water rescue equipment for the R & VP Division, which will greatly enhance the capabilities of our fire and park ranger staff when faced with water emergencies.

We are excited for the program which is still “under renovation” and we will continue to make strides over the next few years. In 2010 we replaced an outdated “Bread truck” with a new rescue vehicle on a Ford F-350 chassis, and are expecting a 1994 Seagrave to replace our current 1989 engine. We are currently working to plan for a new engine to be designed to consolidate most of our equipment and needs into one versatile fire apparatus that can do a little bit of everything until help arrives from mutual aid departments. Our new firefighter paging alert system is about to be placed in service, which will enable all on and off duty firefighters to be reached in the metro Sandy Hook area instantly.

In 2010, our firefighters participated in over five hundred hours of training, from Incident Command to Shipboard fire-fighting. Nearly all of our full time and seasonal collateral duty firefighters met or exceeded all annual training requirements as required by RM-58. Several members of the department received life saving awards for two water rescue incidents, which were proudly accepted in August.

I am proud of all that our firefighters have accomplished over the last two years and would like to thank the NER and National office on their continued support of our complex fire program here at Gateway and Sandy Hook.

Thank you,  
Tim Regan, Fire Chief GNRA







From September 8 to Sept 17 2010, over three hundred firefighters from throughout the NPS northeast Region, US Forest Service and the New York City Fire Department, battled the largest wildland fire in NYC since 1963. The fire consumed nearly 200 acres, and forced hundreds to flee their homes in multi-day evacuations.



## Fire Prevention

Fire prevention and inspection is a never ending job at Gateway. With over six hundred structures to conduct inspections in, located in two states, it is a constant challenge to keep pace with.

In the last two years nearly every life hazard has had upgraded fire detection and suppression equipment added. The Sandy Hook park visitor center, located in a former US Lifesaving Service station built in 1893, is due to receive a full sprinkler system in the Fall of 2011.

The hot work permit system was placed in service in the Summer of 2010 with great success. We are very proud of our special event tent inspection program which is managed by Fire Inspector Mark Miklebost. In 2010 over fifty tent inspections were conducted with many hazards and violations being corrected “on the spot”. Part of this program is the enforcement of the “call before you dig” program which ensures that no ground penetrations are done before water and electric utilities have been marked out for safety.

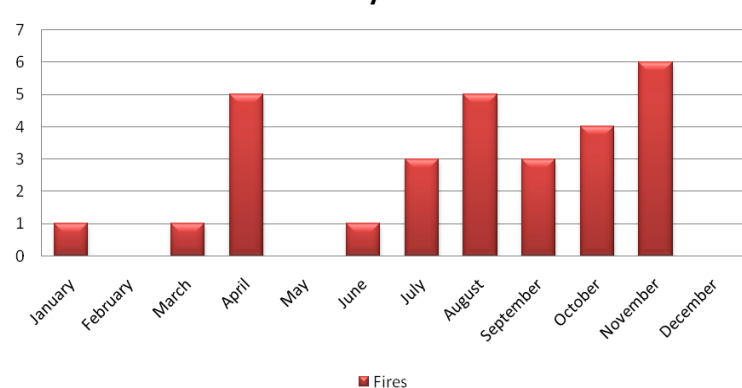
One of our success stories for 2010, includes Inspector Miklebost stopping a tent crew from putting in tent stakes into a high voltage electric line, which was adjacent to a 250 pound propane cylinder.

Fire prevention week is observed in October but conducted everyday in Gateway NRA.

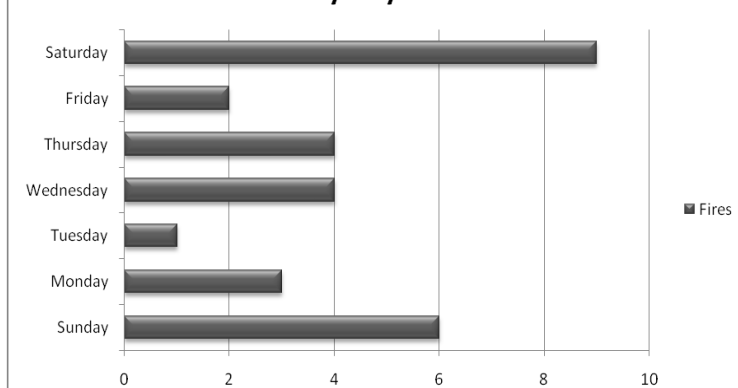
*Clockwise from top left: Santa Claus visits Coast Guard, T-Shirt logo, Motor Vehicle Accident on bayside, Ice rescue Training, New Smokey Sign, FF's Johnson & Krstevski at controlled burn with NJ Forest Fire Service at Monmouth battlefield*



Fires by Month



Fires by Day of Week



Comparison of Fires by Weekend and Weekday

